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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices received for American apples at the Liverpool auction on Wednesday, November 9, show a continuation of the downward tendency noted last week for barreled varieties, but most boxed stock brought slightly better prices, according to a cable received in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Practically all of the barreled stock was in unsatisfactory merchandising condition. The demand for American apples is being affected by the supplies of Nova Scotian fruit, the market for which closed at from $4.20 to $5.84 per barrel. The British market is undersupplied with red and yellow dessert varieties, particularly Yellow Newtowns. Supplies of English apples are diminishing. Grapefruit supplies, however, are still heavy, Porto Rican fruit bringing from $3.16 to $3.65 per case. There is an active demand for high grade fruit in the Continental markets.

Virginia Winesaps topped the market this week among the barreled varieties, U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch stock selling quickly at from $7.30 to $8.15 per barrel. The 2¼ inch sizes of the same variety and grade were also in good demand, bringing from $7.30 to $7.91 per barrel, the same as last week. Only moderate supplies of Winesaps were available. There was also a good demand for Virginia Stayman Winesaps and Rome Beautys. The Staymans, of which there were practically no supplies, passed the hammer quickly at from $6.33 to $6.45 per barrel for U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch stock as against $7.30 to $7.91 paid for the same size and grade last week. The Rome Beautys, of which moderate supplies were available, ranged from $6.57 to $7.06 per barrel.

There was a moderate demand for Virginia Ben Davis, U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch fruit bringing from $5.60 to $5.84 as against $5.60 to $5.96 per barrel last week. Supplies of New York Baldwins were light but the demand was very slow because of the unsatisfactory condition of the fruit. Light supplies of Massachusetts Baldwins were offered during the auction. These sold quickly at from $6.81 to $7.06 per barrel. Barreled apples of good color and bright appearance showed a marked premium over the ruling prices for barreled stock, states Mr. Smith. Virginia York Imperials, of good color and bright appearance, for example, sold at from $6.81 to $7.06 per barrel, whereas the ruling price for Yorks ranged from $5.11 to $6.57 per barrel as against $5.35 to $6.93 per barrel last week. York Imperials are still in heavy supply, states Mr. Smith.

Boxed apples in general were in light supply and the demand was good to brisk. Oregon Yellow Newtowns in particular were keenly competed for, the Extra Fancy grades of 163/175 sizes bringing from $4.14 to $4.50 per box as against $3.89 to $4.14 per box last week. There was also a good demand for Washington Jonathans, the various sizes and grades ranging from $3.41 to $3.71 as against $3.16 to $3.77 per box last week. Washington Spitzenbergs were only in moderate demand due to the fact that the fruit was only in fair condition.

Prices of American fruit on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday, November 2 and 9, 1927

Variety and grade	Origin	Price November 2, 1927	Price November 9, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Liverpool			
York Imperials; U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	Virginia	$ 6.33 - 6.93	$ 6.08 - 6.57
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	"	a/ 5.11 - 6.08	5.11 - 5.60
U.S. Commer. 2¼ in.	"	5.84 - 6.45	5.60 - 6.08
Unclassified	"	b/ 5.35 - 6.08	5.11 - 6.08
Ben Davis; U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	"	5.60 - 5.96	5.60 - 5.84
Unclassified	"	b/ 5.23 - 5.35	4.38 - 5.72
Stayman Winesap; U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	"	7.30 - 7.91	6.33 - 6.45
Winesaps; U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	"	c/	7.30 - 8.15
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	"	7.30 - 7.91	7.30 - 7.91
Unclassified	"	b/ 6.45 - 7.30	6.08 - 7.13
Gano; U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	"	5.60 - 6.33	6.08 - 6.20
Rome Beauty; U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	"	c/	6.57 - 7.06
Baldwin; U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	New York	a/ c/	5.35
Ben Davis; U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	"	c/	5.11
Baldwins; U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	Massachusetts	c/	6.81 - 7.06
		Per box	Per box
Jonathans; Combination (Extra Fcy. and Fcy.) 150, 163/175	Washington	a/	3.71
Combination (Extra Fcy. and Fcy.) 188/smaller	"	c/	3.41 - 3.53
Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	3.59 - 3.77	c/
Grimes; Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	c/	3.41 - 3.53
Spitzenberg; Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	b/ c/	3.16 - 3.28
Yellow Newtowns: Extra Fancy, 150, 163/175	Oregon	3.89 - 4.14	4.14 - 4.50
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.41 - 3.77	3.89 - 4.01
Fancy, 150, 163/175	"	3.65 - 3.89	4.01 - 4.32
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	3.41 - 3.53	5.23 - 5.47
Baldwins:	Massachusetts	c/	1.46 - 1.58
Pears:			
Winter Nelis	Washington	4.38 - 4.87	4.14 - 4.87
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Keiffer	New York	7.30 - 8.15	6.57 - 7.30
Hamburg			
Winesaps, U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	Virginia	c/	7.79 - 8.27
Ben Davis, U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	"	c/	4.87 - 5.84
		Per box	Per box
Jonathans, Extra Fcy., 163/175	Washington	c/	3.65 - 4.62
Rome Beauty, Extra Fcy., 163/175	"	c/	3.65 - 4.14
Copenhagen		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperials, U.S. No. 1, 2¼ in.	Virginia	6.81 - 7.79	7.79 - 9.37
Ben Davis, U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	"	6.33 - 7.06	6.81 - 7.30
		Per box	Per box
Jonathans, Extra Fcy., 163/175	Washington	4.38	3.22 - 3.35

a/ Poor condition. b/ Fair condition. c/Not quoted in cable.

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